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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including 1) the corrected Combined Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application and Power of Attorney and 2) amended drawing figures, is attached following page 10 of this paper.